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**For: SYSTEM CONSISTING OF BANK NOTE PROCESSING MACHINES,  
BANK NOTE PROCESSING MACHINE AND ASSOCIATED  
OPERATING METHOD**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

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International Search Report mailed April 27, 2005 in International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/014508, of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

Search Report of German Patent Office dated November 16, 2005 regarding German Patent Application 103 60 861.3, of which this application claims priority.

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All of the documents identified on the appended PTO-1449 form are mentioned in either or both the appended International Search Report established in PCT/EP2004/014508, of which this application is the U.S. national stage, or the Search Report of the German Patent Office with regard to German Patent Application 103 60 861.3, priority of which is claimed in this application. The relevancy of each document is evident from the search report.

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**STATEMENT OF CUMULATIVE INFORMATION**

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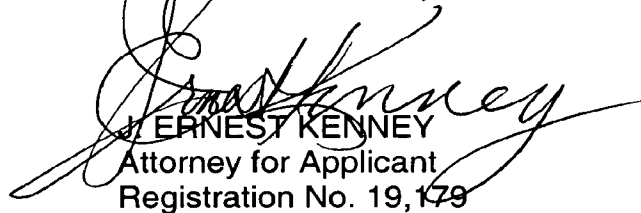
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